

Small Game Quota Hunts

Application Directions

There are no mail-in applications.

Hunters may apply online at fw.ky.gov or by telephone at 1-877-598-2401 for small game quota hunts.

Applications are taken 24 hours a day, from Sept. 1-30 only. The non-refundable application fee is \$3 per hunter.

Group applications are accepted, and hunters may apply together. If any one of the group's Social Security numbers is drawn, the others in the group are automatically drawn, too.

All quota hunt permits are non-transferrable.

Here's a checklist of the information needed when applying online or over the telephone:

1. A Social Security number for each hunter in the party. The hunter who calls in the application will be responsible for paying \$3 per Social Security number entered. Application fees are nonrefundable.
2. The area and date for which an individual or party of hunters is applying.
3. One of the following payment methods: Visa and Mastercard (credit or debit), Discover, or e-check. Only one e-check will be accepted for group applications.

4. After all of the information requested has been provided applicants will receive a confirmation number. Write this number down for later reference. The results of the draw will be posted in early October.

Applicants may also call Kentucky Fish and Wildlife weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) at 1-800-858-1549 at this time and provide either their confirmation number or Social Security number to find out if they were drawn.

Preference Points

Each hunter who applies correctly, but isn't selected, will receive a preference point that increases the odds of being drawn next year (assuming the hunter applies the following year). Unselected hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all previously credited preference points. To prevent the loss of accumulated preference points, a hunter must apply every year.

Pheasant Quota Hunts

An individual may only apply for one pheasant quota hunt, and hunters may not be drawn for more than one hunt day. Up to five people may apply as a group for a single hunt. Applicants will be given a first, second and third choice of hunt dates, or may apply for any available date. Hunters under 16 years old who apply for a pheasant hunt must do so as part of a party that includes at least one adult.

Quota pheasant hunts are offered at:

- Green River Lake WMA (100 hunters per hunt) on Nov. 20, 21 and 22, 2015
- Clay WMA (70 hunters per hunt) on Dec. 4, 5 and 6, 2015

- Yellowbank WMA (100 hunters per hunt) on Dec. 11, 12 and 13, 2015

Advance application by phone or website is required.

Each day's quota hunt will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. local time. Equipment legal for hunting other small game species is permitted during these hunts. Dogs are permitted. The daily bag (hunt) limit is two birds of either sex per hunter.

Rabbit, quail and squirrel hunting is closed on Green River Lake for four consecutive days starting on the third Friday in November, and Yellowbank WMA Dec. 11-14, 2015. Rabbit, quail, squirrel and grouse hunting is closed on Clay WMA Dec. 4-7, 2015. Only hunters with a pheasant quota hunt permit may take pheasants during the quota hunt, or on the day following the last quota hunt day.

Requirements for Drawn Quota Pheasant Hunters

All quota pheasant hunters must carry while hunting:

- 1. A pheasant quota hunt permit, which may be purchased online with a credit or debit card, or from any license vendor. Pheasant quota hunt permits are \$25, and may be purchased anytime before the hunt.**
2. Proof of a Kentucky hunting license
3. Form of identification
4. A hunter education card or temporary hunter education exemption permit if required under the Kentucky hunter education law.

NOTE: All drawn pheasant hunters must purchase their \$25 pheasant hunt permit. Individuals failing to comply with this requirement will be automatically excluded from all of the following year's quota hunts, including elk. Permits are not transferrable.

Hunter Orange

All hunters and persons accompanying them on pheasant quota hunts are required to wear solid, unbroken hunter orange color visible from all sides on the head, back and chest.

Bonus Hunt Days

The day following the final pheasant quota hunt on each WMA is reserved as a free, bonus hunt day for drawn pheasant quota hunt permit holders.

- Only hunters who possess a permit for a Green River Lake WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Green River Lake WMA on Monday, Nov. 23, 2015
- Only hunters who possess a permit for a Clay WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Clay WMA on Monday, Dec. 7, 2015.
- Only hunters who possess a permit for a Yellowbank WMA quota pheasant hunt may hunt pheasants on Yellowbank WMA on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015.

No additional fee will be charged for the bonus hunt day, but quota hunters must carry their pheasant hunt permit, hunting license and wear hunter orange clothing as required during their previous hunt. The daily bag limit for bonus hunt days is three birds per hunter.

See the Yellowbank WMA, Green River Lake WMA and Clay WMA listings in the Public Land Hunting section on this website for season dates and limits for the open pheasant season following the bonus hunt day.

Hunt maps can be found online at fw.ky.gov. On the department's homepage, click on the "Maps" tab and then select "Game Maps."

Wild Quail Quota Hunts

Quota hunts for wild quail are offered on the Ken Unit of Peabody WMA.

There are six (6) 1-day hunts. One quota hunt is reserved as a Mentor quota hunt. Mentor hunt party must consist of at least one hunter 15 years or younger and one adult.

Hunt parties are limited to a maximum of three (3) participants each. Hunt parties may apply for up to three quail quota hunts, but will be drawn for only one hunt.

- The dates of the quota hunts for wild quail are Nov. 28 (mentor), Dec. 1 and Dec. 22, 2015, Jan. 2, Jan. 9 and Jan. 19, 2016.

A stand-by drawing is held each hunt day at 9 a.m. local time to fill spots left by drawn hunters who do not show up to hunt. Call the Peabody WMA office at (270) 476-1889 for more information.

The total bag limit for each hunt is four (4) quail per hunter. Each day's quota hunt will begin at one-half hour before sunrise and conclude at 2 p.m. local time. Each hunting party will only have access to a

designated portion of one of the units, and will receive a map of the area by mail after they are drawn. The party leader (i.e., the primary applicant) will receive a hunting log (survey) by mail and must return the completed log to the department within seven (7) days after their hunt. Drawn hunters must submit a log even if they do not hunt. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the following year's quota hunt drawings for all species except elk, and the loss of preference points.

Each hunter who applies correctly, but isn't selected, will receive a preference point that increases the odds of being drawn next year (assuming the hunter applies the following year). Unselected hunters who do not apply the following year will lose all previously credited preference points. Applicants are selected based on individual preference points. For those who apply as a group, if any one of the group's Social Security numbers is drawn, the others in the group are automatically drawn, too.

Sinclair Unit Quail Hunting

An open wild quail hunt will be held on the Sinclair Unit of Peabody WMA, during quail season. The shooting hours, Monday through Saturday, are 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., local time; closed on Sundays. Hunters must check in and check out at the Peabody WMA office, and a hunting log must be visibly displayed on the dashboard of the hunter's vehicle. Hunters must follow statewide regulations for quail bag limits.

Upland Bird Quota Hunts

Upland bird quota hunts (for wild grouse, wild quail and woodcock) are offered on Clay WMA. There are four (4) 1-day quota hunts offered.

Upland bird quota hunt dates: Nov. 11, Nov. 15, Dec. 19 and Dec. 22, 2015.

- Hunt parties are limited to a maximum of three (3) participants each.
- Hunt parties may apply for up to three upland bird quota hunts, but will be drawn for only one hunt.
- Bag limits for each hunt are four (4) grouse and four (4) quail per hunter. Hunters may also harvest woodcock according to statewide regulations established in 301 KAR 2:225 and explained in the Kentucky Hunting Guide for dove and early migratory bird seasons.
- Each day's quota hunt will begin at one-half hour before sunrise and conclude at 2 p.m. local time.
- Each hunting party will be assigned to a designated portion of the WMA upon check-in. The party leader (i.e., the primary applicant) will receive a hunting log (survey) by mail and must return the completed log to the department within seven (7) days after their hunt. Drawn hunters must submit a log even if they do not hunt. Failure to comply will result in disqualification from the following year's quota hunt drawings for all species except elk.
- Preference points are awarded for unselected Clay WMA upland bird quota hunt applicants.